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Serial No. 10/034,574	Filing Date December 27, 2001	Examiner M. M. Burch	Group Art Unit 3683
Inventor(s) Akhtar et al.			
Title of Invention VARIABLE RATE COMPOSITE LEAF SPRING DESIGN			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Response; Petition and Fee for One-Month Extension of Time; check for \$110 extension fee; return post card evidencing receipt.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a 1 month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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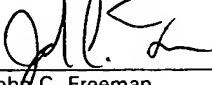
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Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
<i>or</i>		<i>or</i>	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =		x \$18 =	
x 42 =		x \$84 =	
+ \$140 =		+ \$280 =	
	Total add'l fee		Total add'l fee
	\$		\$

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- A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the petition filing fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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